

REMARKS

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the claims into two groups; Group I (claims 1-7 and 16-19) and Group II (claims 8-15, 20 and 21). A provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II on April 23, 2002. Applicants hereby affirm this election with traverse. It is contended that it would not place an undue burden on the Examiner to search and examine the entire application.

Per the Examiner's Requirement, the title has been amended.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2

Claims 8-15, 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, it has been suggested that the reference numbers found in the claims be removed. Accordingly, claims 8, 15 and 20 have been amended to delete the reference numbers.

Specification

The specification has been amended to incorporate U.S. Patent No. 4,955,388 by reference. U.S. Patent No. 4,955,938 had been listed due to a typographical error.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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